(b)

Year	Number of occasions on which Peace Keeping Force Battalions of CRPF were deployed for law and order duties.	Name of the States/Union Territories.
1984	8	Andhra Pradesh (1)/Madhya Pradesh (1), West Bengl (3) Nagaland (1), Haryan (1) and Delhi (1).
1985	7	Bihar (1), Maharashtra (2), Nagaland (1), Orissa (1), West Bengal (2).
1986	4	Andhra Pradesh (1). Gujarat (1), Rajasthan (1) and Delhi (1).

Figures within brackets refer to number of occasions on which the force was deployed.

Communal riots in the country

721. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of communal riots which took place in the country during 1986 indicating dates, places of occurrence, number of persons killed and injured and value of property damaged; and also the comparative figures during the year 1985 alongwith dates, places of occurrence, number of persons killed and injured and value of property damaged;

(b) what is the number of guilty persons responsible for riots arrested during these two years;

(c) what is the number of persons arrested during the last two years; and

(d) what is the amount of compensation paid to the riot victims and the members of the family of those killed during the above two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (d) On the basis of the available information, two statements showing the particulars of major communal riots in the country for the years 1985 and 1986 have been prepared and are attached as Statements I and II respectively. [*See* Appendix CXLI Annexure No. 22].

Guidelines for afforestation schemes

722. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by Government to different States for vigorous implementation of afforestation, social and farm forestry schemes; and

(b) the extent and details of progress made in this regard in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The details are given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The details of progress made in Uttar Pradesh in afforestation are given below:—

Year	No. of seedlings planted (In lakhs)
1985-86	3,548·0
1986-87 (upto 12/86)	4,864·0

Statement

1. The State Governments have been asked to avoid clearfelling of the natural forests for raising plantations as far as possible. Where such fellings are unavoidable due to restoration of crop, or other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 ha on the hills and 25 ha in the plains and in no case good natural forests should be clearfelled.

2. Raising of mixed species of indigenous origin should be preferred to monoculture. Indigenous species should receive preference over exotics.

3. While making the choice of species, consideration should be given to the preference of the local population.

4. The State Governments/Union Territories have been requested to identify wastelands in their territories.

5. People's involvement should be ensured through decentralised nurseries.

6. The voluntary agencies, Mahila Mandals Youth groups should also be motivated in nursery raising and tree plantations.

7. Strips of land along roads, rail, canals, etc., and other degraded land should be given to the rural poor, with usufruct rights on the trees planted by them on such lands.

Killing of elephants

723. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that nearly 200 elephants have reportedly been killed during the last three months for their ivory tusks; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps have been taken to check poaching of elephants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Government are not aware of any such large-scale killing.

(b) The following steps have been taken to check poaching of elephants:—

(i) Coordination between chief wildlife wardens of contiguous States is being effected by regular meetings and exchange of information of movements of elephants and incidents of poaching. The Regional Deputy Directors of the Central Government are assisting in this cooperation.

(ii) Police of the concerned state are extending help and cooperation to control the poaching.

(iii) The existing staff engaged in anti-poaching activities is being strengthened. For this purpose, tribal trackers have been engaged where necessary.

(iv) Improvement in the communication system with the help of telephones and wireless network is being collected in the concerned States.

(v) To assist the States in their efforts to control poaching and